

HIS DETECTIVE STORY WOULD NOT STICK

Slueth Hired by Men's Club to Correct Evils Gives Bad Account of Actions

MRS. WOODS DISCHARGED

Defense Offered One Witness to Refute Testimony Offered By Prosecution

The case of the State of Missouri against Mrs. Mary Woods, held Thursday afternoon in Judge Miller's court, resulted in the discharge of the defendant. The state depended largely upon the testimony of a detective who had been employed by the Men's club to enter into immoral relations with women in this town and to relate his experiences as evidence against them. These methods for the uplift of the morals of the city were highly commended by E. W. Flentge who was also a witness for the prosecution, and who testified that W. H. Stubblefield had secured the services of the sluth in compliance with the will and wish of the organization, of which he is a leading member. The testimony was flimsy and on its face showed the eagerness usually noticeable with hired witnesses. It was too thin and contemptible for an honest judge and was so completely refuted by Mrs. Wood when she took the stand, that nothing was left for the court but to render a verdict of acquittal. Jones, the detective, Flentge the moralist, and Nichols the preserver of the peace and dignity of the police station were the witnesses for the prosecution, and in the defense Mrs. Woods was the only witness called. The case against Harry Mertens was dismissed.

SHETLAND PONY CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Veterinary Thrown From Buggy, Dash Board Broken Up and Vehicle Upset.

VICIOUS LITTLE ANIMAL

Displayed Wonderful Powers of Strength and Energy in Effort to Run Away.

Dr. P. H. Ingels, veterinary and horse trainer had an experience with an unruly and vicious equine on Spanish Saturday morning that he is not likely to forget soon. The horse with which he had such serious contentions is a little spotted shetland pony that will probably weigh 250 pounds, but he is possessed of enough ugly qualities to weigh 2500 pounds. While coming down Spanish street for some reason or other the little beast took a dislike to the buggy he was hitched to, and proceeded to try to disengage himself. When he got through with his kicking the dash board presented the appearance of having been a target for gattling gun practice. Finding his efforts still unavailing, he proceeded to turn a few flip flops, causing the doctor to lose his seat and take a flying squirrel movement by which he landed safely about forty feet from where the pony was carrying on his frivolities. The buggy was turned over and dragged against a post where the pony was held until he became submissive. No serious damage was done.

NINETEEN MEN SMOTHERED TO DEATH.

A most unfortunate occurrence is reported from Memphis where 19 men lost their lives while working under water on the new Rock Island Bridge. The accident occurred Monday forenoon, and as result of the air apparatus getting out of fix, the men were smothered to death while attempting to cross the river.

SUMMERS DECLINES TO MAKE RACE.

Very urgent business and a great amount of detail work make it impossible for me to accept a place on the ticket for school director at this time. I am grateful to my friends for their kind expressions and good wishes and I trust this decision after careful consideration will be construed as an action prompted by sincere convictions.

Very truly,
G. S. SUMMERS.

DETECTIVE RETURNS TO ST. LOUIS

Gives His Real Name When Not Under Oath and Asks That Papers be Sent Him

THE DETECTIVE DEFINED

J. E. Nance After Relieving Himself of Nauseating Admission Seeks Other Fields

J. E. Nance, perjurer and tool of a conspiracy originating in a misnamed organization of this city, after making false affidavit on the witness stand as to his name and address, left Thursday night for his home at 5889a Theauds street, St. Louis, Mo.

Nance made his appearance in the Cape at the solicitation of the Men's Club through a committee composed of W. H. Stubblefield and E. W. Flentge.

On the witness stand where he made the nauseous and repulsive admissions that he had sought to engage women in crime in order that he might secure evidence to convict his victims, he swore positively that his name was W. J. Jones, and that he never at any time used an assumed name.

Before leaving the city, however, this tool of corrupt and vicious organization established the suspicions that were properly entertained toward him as being a colossal liar and irresponsible party, when he made the statement to the proprietor of the Idanha Hotel that since the trial was over he would give his correct name in order that the local papers might be sent to him. His actions bring him clearly within the definition of a detective given by a prominent man, and which includes those aiding and abetting him in the practices which are at such variance with all sense of common decency and respectability. The definition is as follows:

"A detective is the lowest, meanest, most contemptible thing that either creeps or crawls, a thing to loath and despise. A detective has the soul of a craven the heart of a hyena. He will barter the virtue of a pure woman or the character of an honest man. He will go into the labor unions the political party, the fraternal society, the business house, the church. He will drag his slimy length into the sacred precincts of the family, there to create discord and cause unhappiness. He breeds and thrives on the troubles of his own making. He is a maggot of his own corruption."

That you may know how small a detective is you can take a hair and pinch the pith out of it and in the hollow hair you can put the hearts and souls of 40,000 detectives and they will still rattle. You can pour them out on the surface of your thumb nail and the skin of a gnat will make an umbrella for them.

When a detective dies he goes so low he has to climb up a ladder to get into hell, and he is not a welcome guest there. When his Satanic Majesty sees him coming he says to his imps: "Go get a big bucket of pitch and a lot of sulphur, give them to that fellow and put him outside. Let him start a little hell of his own; we don't want him in here starting trouble. There is not room enough in Hades for a detective."

The Tribune stands for the preservation of the best morals at all times, but is opposed to the practice of creating immorality in order to discover it. At no time and under no circumstances will this paper hesitate to expose and condemn any wrongful indulgences that are known to exist, and we emphatically express ourselves as opposed to vice and corruption wherever and whenever found, regardless of the parties concerned.

ACCUSED FORGER CAPTURED AT MARION, ILLINOIS.

Word has been received to the effect that S. R. Jones, the man accused of forging a check on C. A. Mayhew for \$35 with which he purchased some clothing at Garrett Glenn's, has been arrested and is now being held at Marion, Ill. The deputy sheriff has gone after him, and he will be brought back Sunday.

DEFECTIVE LAMP CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

For a little while Sunday evening at about six o'clock the outlook was very favorable for a little blaze at the home of Walter Montgomery, 534 Good Hope street. A kerosene lamp became unmanageable, caught fire and for a time it looked as though an explosion was inevitable. Mrs. Montgomery, however, mustered up courage, seized the lamp and tossed it through the window onto the sidewalk where it was rendered harmless.

FIRE ALARM CAUSES SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Fire Wagon Collides With an Auto and One Man Seriously Hurt

TWO HOMES ARE BURNED

Inadequate Hose Supply and Water Pressure Permits of a Greater Loss

Thursday night at about ten o'clock a fire broke out in the West section of the city, destroying two residences and damaging several other buildings in the immediate locality. The fire started on Cousin street in the home of Isaac Stilwell, and before it was discovered the building was hopelessly aflame. Mr. Stilwell was alone in the house and had fallen asleep after having started a fire in the stove in order to heat some coffee for his wife on her return from lodge meeting. He was aroused by being struck on the head just before the roof fell in. Nothing was saved except three or four chairs. The home of Julius Seabaugh on West Jefferson avenue was set afire by flying sparks and was also destroyed. Mr. Seabaugh succeeded in saving most of the household belongings however, as the fire had not made much headway before it was discovered. The fire department was delayed in reaching the scene on account of having encountered the automobile of Dr. Schulz at the corner of Merriweather and Sprigg streets. The car was dragged some twenty feet by the fire wagon, and one of its occupants, Philip Brooks, sustained a broken ankle. At the time the accident happened a party composed of the following people were in the car: Phil Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stiver, Misses Annie and Ouida Brooks and Dr. Schulz. Mr. Brooks was taken to the hospital from the scene of the accident, where he is receiving treatment at this time.

Witnesses to the accident stated that Dr. Schulz was driving at a rate of about 25 miles an hour, according to their best judgment.

The fire department were not only hampered by this delay, but when they reached the scene of their work, their efforts were rendered less effective from the fact that the pressure seemed to be very poor, and having insufficient hose, the house of Mr. Seabaugh was permitted to burn while the hose wagon was making its trip back to the fire station for more supplies.

Some insurance was carried on the buildings and property destroyed.

BURGLAR FAILS IN SPITE OF CHIEF

Refused to Answer an Appeal For Assistance Because He Was Peevish

NEIGHBOFS RENDER AID

Policeman Talley Leaves His Beat in Order to Relieve the Distressed

At about 10 o'clock Thursday evening, a call was sent into the Police Station asking for police assistance at 107 North Frederick street. When the phone rang, a gentleman passing the station noticed that no one was in, and took it upon himself to answer the call. He immediately sought Chief Nichols who was a short distance away and advised him of the circumstance. The chief responded that in view of the outcome of the Woods case, he had lost all interest and ignored the call entirely. Parties who heard the conversation called up the number from which the appeal for help was sent and found that Mrs. Lyman Jones, wife of the telegraph lineman, had summoned the police on account of having heard someone prowling on her back porch. Neighbors got word to Policeman George Talley on Broadway, and he reported to the address and made an investigation, but found no trace of the suspect.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR SCHOOL ELECTION.

The Tribune is in receipt of advice to the effect that G. S. Summers, J. W. Phillips and H. H. Haas have been selected as candidates for school directors, to be decided at the election next Tuesday. The qualifications and business integrity of these gentlemen is unquestioned, and it would be difficult to make better selections. Without questioning the merits of their opponents, it is safe to assert that best interests of the schools will be well served should they be successful.

PROMINENT CITIZEN WAS OPERATED ON

Clem Hoeller in St. Louis Hospital When Operated on for Appendicitis.

ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY

Patient Resting Nicely But Will Not be Able to Return For Sometime

The many friends of C. B. Hoeller who have been solicitous as to the outcome of the treatment he is undergoing for his health, will no doubt be pleased to learn that Mr. Hoeller after having an operation performed at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis, Friday morning at 8 o'clock is resting nicely and if no unexpected complications arise, his speedy recovery is assured. Mr. Hoeller has been suffering for a long time with chronic appendicitis, and after consultation with various specialists it was concluded that an operation was necessary. Mrs. Allen the well known trained nurse of this city, is in St. Louis with Mr. Hoeller, and his family is also with him.

Mr. Hoeller is a candidate for re-election to the city council from the third ward, and on account of his illness he has been unable to make an active campaign. He is in the race, however, even though his infirm condition will prevent his being present on the day of the election, and while he will be missed, his staunch and loyal friends will no doubt look after his best interests and do their utmost to secure his re-election.

CHAIRMAN SHORB CHAMPIONS SCHULZ

Writes Letter Expressing Views and Giving Reasons For the Stand Taken

FOLLY TO OPPOSE HIM

Thinks No One Else Should Enter Race in Opposition to Selections Made

EDITOR TRIBUNE:

I notice several articles signed Taxpayer and Citizen. Why does not the writer of these articles sign his name so the public can size him up to see if he really does know the facts, or is harping on an old grudge. It sounds to me like a defeated candidate or the one that has no business in the Board and if he knew the feeling of the voters would resign.

The writer wants to know why the campaign committee does not reply to his articles if he will write something of interest to the patrons of the schools, and not a lot of stuff that can only be treated and answered best by ignoring same. Then the committee will enlighten the writer.

The writer has a great deal to say about Dr. Schulz, he seems to have it in for the doctor. He thinks the Dr. has made a mistake by buying the Washington school lot, the best buy for the purpose that has ever been made since I have lived in the city, and if it will be necessary to buy more school lots I hope he will be on the board.

This lot has room enough, and contains nearly 3 acres and the only lot that has sufficient room for play grounds. This lot is worth today without the improvements 25 per cent more than the cost price. The writer finds fault with the Dr. for furnishing the money at 7 per cent, until the money could be had that had been levied but had not been paid in. The school Board have never been able to borrow money for less than eight per cent. before. The Dr. also urged the Board to buy the lots on the south of Jefferson school when the lots could have been bought cheap, the board refused this, not having the foresight that it was the thing to do and now it is seen it ought to be done.

The doctor does not need anyone to help him in his election for school director. All the voters need, is to get his record on the board, I was at the Mass meeting and this meeting was advertised and was open then and there to nominate such men as the people wanted, the candidates were nominated faithfully and with majority of the people present and it is not now the time to find fault. No man would now lend his name to run against this ticket so nominated, that would stand well enough to stand any chance of defeating any one selected at this meeting.

Will say in conclusion that voters will make no mistake in voting for the ticket nominated by the mass meeting.

T. J. SHORB.

ASKS SUPPORT OF SCHULZ AND THILENIUS

Calls up Memories of School Book Deal and Speaks of Queer Transactions

FROM CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Gives Detailed Account of Good Things Accomplished by the Present Board

GOOD MEN SHOULD NOT HELP TO DEFEAT GOOD CAUSES.

The defeat of Schulz, Thilenius, or Haas no matter by whom could be claimed as a victory for the forces that put through the famous book deal of 1912. Do you remember it?

It may be safely said that the voters have not forgotten the book deal and other queer transactions which happened more than a year ago. They still think as they did when those transactions became known.

Every man who was on the wrong side of the text book question two years ago, is now against Schulz and Thilenius.

Teachers in the schools of Cape Girardeau are not now elected because of favoritism or political trades. Good teachers are not dismissed for spite or revenge under present management.

We need on our board of Education such men as Thilenius and Schulz have proved themselves to be. Haas will match well with them.

How can the voters show that they approve the magnificent work of the present board of education? How about a unanimous re-election of Schulz and Thilenius?

Last year the voters signified their approval of the work of Thilenius and Schulz by the election by a great majority, of Walker and Nussbaum. This time they can show their approval of all four by the re-election of Thilenius and Schulz.

Nowadays, the superintendent does the work for which he is employed and paid. The school board does what a school board is expected to do. The result is shown in good schools rapidly getting better. How do you like it?

As a matter of course, teachers and principals know rather more about text books and other teaching appliances than most other people, whose attention is not directed that way. Schulz and Thilenius and Haas will not attempt to select text books and school-room supplies without the advice of competent people, any more than they would try to make the plans for our great new high school building without the assistance of an architect.

Everybody who is opposed to straight, sensible business methods in the management of our school affairs is now against Thilenius and Schulz.

The members of the present board have given much time and thought to the matter of erecting our new buildings. In this work they have had the assistance of the best architects in the country. They have definite ideas as to what these buildings can and should be. The contracts for construction must be let within a few weeks. Can a new man, no matter how well prepared generally, take up the work at this point with advantage to the people of Cape Girardeau?

Everybody had the same invitation to attend the mass meeting that nominated Haas, Thilenius and Schulz. Everyone who was there had equal voice in picking the candidates. Not an unfair thing was done in that meeting. Three clean, capable men were chosen. Isn't it your duty as well as your pleasure to support the nominees of that meeting? Or do you prefer self-nominated candidates? Maybe you like them to come suddenly at the last minute without knowing the forces behind them.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

National Efficiency Exhibit to Open.

New York, April 4.—The Grand Central palace is filled with interesting exhibits for the first national efficiency exposition, which will be held the coming week. The exhibits are intended to show the increasing application of scientific methods to modern conditions.

Chafing Dish Barred.

Chicago, April 4.—Northwestern university co-eds have been forbidden to give chafing dish parties and make fudge for lingering swains in the dormitories at midnight.

Tangoers Fall From Stage.

Chicago, April 3.—Miss Frances Olson, while engaged in a tango contest at a local theater, caused a fight when she fell off the stage onto a bass drum and the drummer forcibly attempted to make her partner pay for the damage.

CITIZEN REPLIES TO ROBERTS' LETTER

Quotes Law on Matters Pertaining to School Board Points Out Violations

SUMMERS, PHILLIPS, HAAS

Makes Correction to Statements Contained in Prof. Roberts' Letter

EDITOR TRIBUNE:

In regard to the Washington school site, Mr. Roberts, of the Normal, would make it appear that the writer objects to the school board acquiring land for additional schools. Such is not the case. But in order for this school district or any individual to acquire a perfect title to a tract of land the law must be observed. Will now endeavor to show that the law was not followed, and it may not be wise for the district to go to work and erect a fine school building on ground, title to which might be contested by the legal heirs of Mr. Anderson.

In order that all may be informed I will quote the oath of office of school director:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Missouri, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of school director in and for district No. —, county of —, state of Missouri, to the best of my ability, according to law, so help me God."

The so-called purchase of this Anderson lot was made at a called meeting of the board and as Mr. Roberts states Messrs. Schulz, Thilenius, Howard, and Ellis voted for it and Mr. Andrews against it, Dr. Nettles being absent. Why was Dr. Nettles absent? Because, he was not notified of the meeting. Here is the law governing special or called meetings.

Sec. 10787. * * * all special meetings shall be called by the president and each member notified of the time, place and purpose of the meeting. * * * *

Mr. Roberts states that as the 80 cent tax levy carried in 1911 and the bond proposition failed the board could use a part of the 80 cent levy to pay for this property. The tax levies voted at the April elections are for the fiscal year July 1st to July 1st and the levy is not certified to the county clerk until after July 1st each year. Hence the 80 cent levy voted in 1911 was not for 1911 taxes.

Sometime in the month of May 1911, a note was given, thus the district became indebted to the amount of \$4,500, about two months before the end of the fiscal year, to be paid out of taxes of the following year. Let us see what the Constitution of the State of Missouri, Sec. 12, Art. X has to say:

"No county, city, town, township, school district or other political corporation or subdivision of the state shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner, or for any purpose, to an amount exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for such year, without the assent of two-thirds of the voters thereof, voting at an election to be held for that purpose. * * *"

The board had an option on this tract of land and why did they not renew it until July 1st 1911 and thereby come within the law? Was it because Dr. Schulz and his sister wanted to immediately loan out their money at a good rate of interest?

I feel satisfied that in the election of Messrs. Summers, Phillips and Haas that we will have men who will faithfully work for the best interests of our schools, and in so doing not lead us into any possible legal entanglements.

CITIZEN.

DUGOUT COLLAPSES, 3 DIE

House Caved in and Man, Wife and Baby Are Dead When Found.

(WNU News Service.)
Alva, Ok., April 3.—John Flannigan, his wife and 2-year-old baby were buried alive two days ago in the collapse of a "dugout" six miles from here. All were dead when the ruins were dug away.

The dugout was in an isolated spot and the accident was not discovered until Flannigan's brother went to find him.

Flying Boat Races Planned.

Paris, April 3.—The French Aero club will hold a series of hydroplane competitions in the English Channel in July. There will be several prizes.